



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM



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Loudoun County's Newest Fire Engine?

Left to Right: Steve Messina, Rick Muth, and Rick Fleming in front of Rick Fleming's "new" 1979 Mack CF. Photographed in Thurmont, Maryland while traveling from Pennsylvania to Ashburn.

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Example:

May 1st for June Issue

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Commonwealth Emergency Physicians

Request the pleasure of your company to

Celebrate the Holiday Season at

The Belmont Country Club

Our guest of honor will be

Dr. Donald Sabella

In recognition of his long years of service at
Loudoun Hospital Emergency Department
and to Loudoun County

Monday, December 16, 2002

5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres—Cocktails

Casual/Business Attire

No RSVP Required

Directions:

From Loudoun Hospital Center, cross Route 7 to Ashburn Road. Continue 4 miles and turn right on Russell Branch Parkway into Belmont Country Club. Stop at the gate to inform the attendant you are attending the Loudoun Hospital Holiday Party. Follow the road up to the mansion.



Marine Corp Marathon

Each fall, the Marine Corp Marathon is held in Washington D.C. This 26-mile foot race is more of a test of one's own strength and will than it is a competition against other runners. This year, the race was held on October 27th and included over 22,000 participants.

Rising to meet this challenge were several members of our own fire and rescue system. These were **Kathleen Leary**, **Don Fruedenthal** and **Shawn Johnson** from Sterling Rescue, **George Short** and **Bill Hiatt** from Sterling Fire, and **John Rice** and **Daniel Neal** from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue.

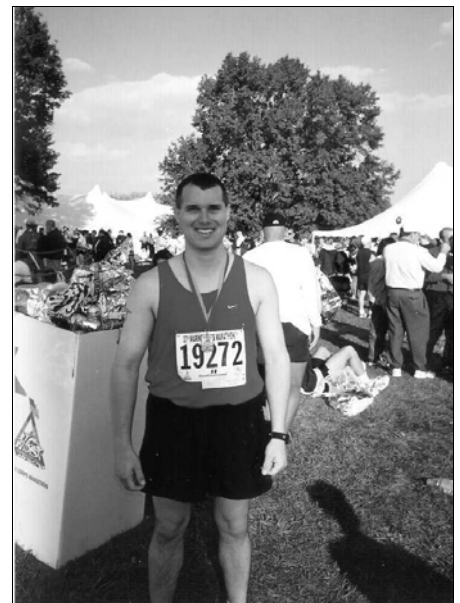
Each of these athletes should be proud of their accomplishments and should be congratulated. Heck, I would not even want to drive 26 miles in DC traffic – much less run it!

Submitted By:
David Short, Co. 11

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SITE ADDRESS
www.loudoun.gov**



George Short from Sterling Fire is pictured as he approaches the finish line at the Iwo Jima Memorial.



Captain Daniel Neal of the Department of Fire & Rescue Services.

Advise New Members How to Obtain Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. Call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy. You will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to your company President.

JANUARY 2003

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Companies 13 & 17	2 Company 15	3	4
5	6 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	7 Fire-Rescue Commission	8 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	9	10	11
12 Company 14	13 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	14 Rescue Chiefs	15 Fire Council	16	17	18
19	20 Company 1 ALS Committee	21 EMS Council	22	23	24	25
26	27 Companies 4 & 8	28	29	30	31	

FIRE & RESCUE SCHEDULED TRAINING

ALS Challenge Prep Course
Thursday, December 5, 2002

Firefighter Level II
January 4-February 15, 2003

ALS Challenge Test
Sunday, December 8, 2002

MCIMII (Operations Level)
January 11 & 12, 2003

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider
Class #7-December 8, 2002

EMT-B Refresher
January 13-February 22, 2003

EMT-Intermediate Transition
January 2-February 23, 2003

First Responder
January 26-February 23, 2003

Paramedic Refresher
January 2-February 23, 2003

**Please Send Articles
and Photographs to
Frankie at Fire &
Rescue Services
or
E-MAIL ARTICLES TO:
fsutherl@loudoun.gov**

**Submission Deadline
1st week of month
prior to
issue month**

COMPANY NEWS

Company 4 News

Congratulations to Melissa Brown and Jim Detrick for successfully completing the EMT class and passing their State and County finals.

Welcome to our two newest Junior members - Brett Cunningham and Troy Gittings.

Remember our Thursday night Bingos. Doors open at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 6:45 pm. Bring your family and/or friends and come on out one Thursday night and join us. Maybe you will be the lucky \$1000 winner!

Round Hill is currently conducting an active membership drive. If you know someone in the area who may be interested in joining us, they can call the station at (540) 338-7982 or stop by at 4 Main Street and pick up an application.

Submitted By:
Betty Dodge, Co. 4

Company 11 News

The results of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company's annual election of officers is as follows:

Chief-Mickey Buchanan

President-John Bischoff

Vice President-Marvin Miller

Secretary-Patrick Todd

Treasurer-Annette Marie

Board of Directors At Large: Dan Ketchum, Bob Watts, Rob Pye and Troy Robertson.

Congratulations!

Submitted By:
David Short, Co. 11



Merry Christmas

Volunteer Retention & Recruitment Committee

Peggy Smedley, Co. 3

Joe Habib, Co. 6

Jeannie Cooper, Co. 7

Tom Dean, Co. 8

Sara Chamblin-Case, Co. 9

Sheila Brendel, Co. 12

Deb Matthews, Co. 13

Amanda Bowers, Co. 14

Bill Lyden, Co. 15

Allie Love, F/R Commission

Frankie Sutherland, LCFRS

Terry Kellogg, Management
Services-Benefits

Loudoun County's Newest Fire Engine?

By Rick Fleming and
Mike Sanders – Co. 6

For many fire apparatus enthusiasts, one day owning your own fire engine is only a dream and opportunities to find that exact fire engine that ties in with your interests can be few and far between. That opportunity presented itself recently to FF/EMT Rick Fleming of Ashburn Company 6 when Rick became the proud new owner of a 1979 Mack CF fire engine.

Rick has always had an interest in the Fire Department of New York City (FDNY) and prior to moving to Virginia, was a volunteer firefighter in Pennsylvania. Several months ago, while attending a convention in Pennsylvania, he became aware of a Mack CF fire truck for sale after a group of fire stations had consolidated into one. The Mack was originally in service as Engine 287 (Elmhurst in the Borough of Queens) at FDNY and was later sold to the Keystone Fire Company located in Columbia, Pennsylvania. Interestingly, this department was located close to the station Rick ran from in Pennsylvania: the Alert Fire Company of Manchester Township, located just outside of York, Pennsylvania. Keystone repainted the Mack from red to lime. Rick placed a bid, and won.

November 16-17, 2002 was a memorable weekend for four members of Ashburn (Rick Fleming, Steve Messina, Rick Muth, and Mike Sanders) who drove up to Pennsylvania to pick



This photograph taken in Pennsylvania, just before heading back home with the new fire engine. Ashburn members Steve Messina, Mike Sanders, Rick Fleming and Rick Muth, with members from the Viligant, Keystone and Shawnee Fire Stations of Columbia, Pennsylvania.

up the Mack CF and bring it to Ashburn. That Saturday was spent visiting stations in the York and Harrisburg area and even catching a working fire in a row home in downtown Lancaster. We also spent some time in a junkyard that has old fire trucks, many of them FDNY. Our hotel for the evening was Manchester Township's second fire station, which houses a 1984 Sutphen engine and a restored 1951 open cab Ward LaFrance engine. One of us was secretly hoping the Ward would be called to duty that night.

On Sunday morning we had breakfast with a group of volunteers from the Viligant, Keystone, and Shawnee stations from Columbia. The reason the Mack became available was because these three stations consolidated into one. From breakfast we then went to get the Mack. The Pennsylvania volunteers obviously did not want to see the truck go. They spent time getting photos and having a last look. After Rick Muth received his quick driving lesson from the members and extra hose was thrown on board, we made our way back to Virginia. Maxing out at 49 mile per hour, it was not difficult for our "chase vehicle" to stay close to the Mack. After a few pit stops and enduring rain most of the way, the Mack arrived at Ashburn Station 6 completing a flawless performance.

The plans are to restore the Mack back to its original FDNY condition. That means repainting the truck back to red, a new canvas hose bed cover, and other cosmetic changes. Don't be surprised if you see a lime Mack CF running around the Ashburn area...it's not lost.

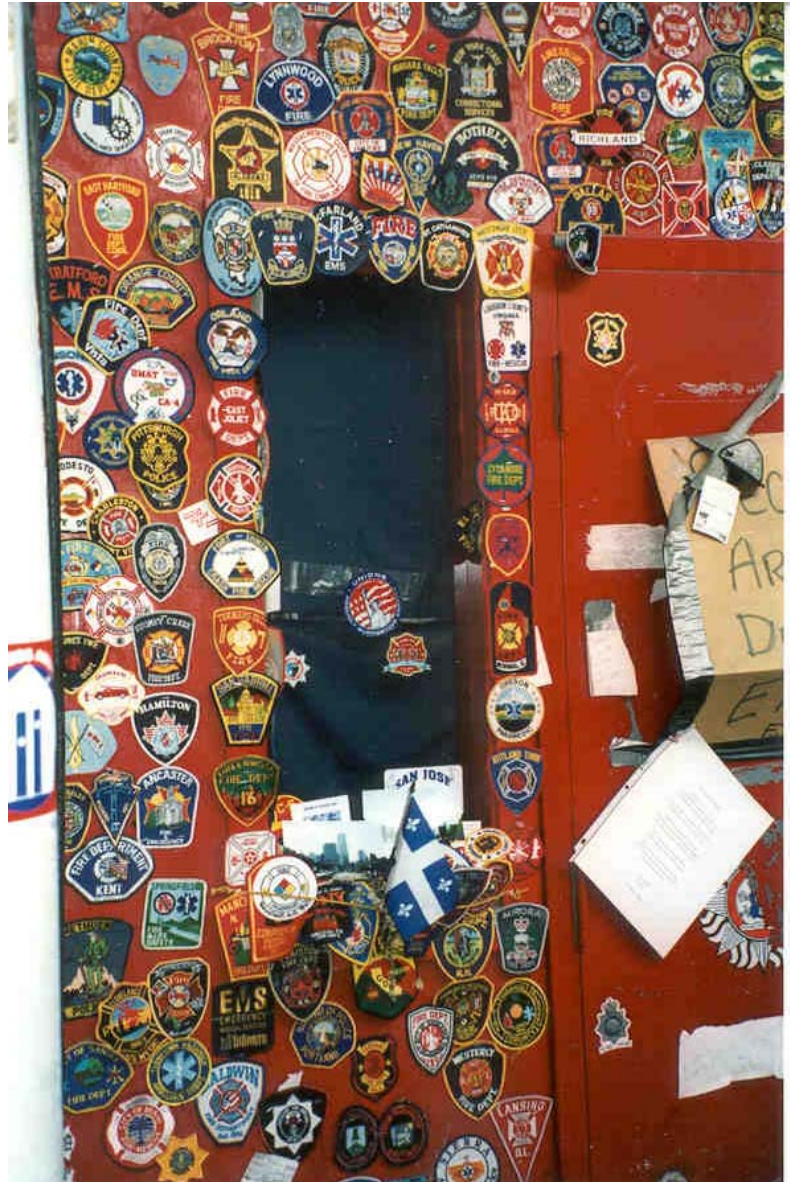
Wagon 18 is a Movie Star

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs is extremely active across the state and within the state government. One of their latest efforts is an informational video that explains what the Department of Fire Programs is all about. It is located on their web site and can be downloaded (<http://www.vdfp.state.va.us/video/video.htm> - 22MB).

The interesting part of this video production is that it includes Sterling Fire's very own Wagon 18. It is shown approximately 48 seconds into the video as it responds out of Station 18. Also, if you have been around a while and remember Wagon 11 in its Pierce Javelin – rear engine configuration, you will see a glimpse of it around 2 minutes and 15 seconds. Both of these cameo roles barely add up to 2 seconds of screen time but we are proud to be included none-the-less.

The Department of Fire Programs web site is an excellent resource to learn about rare training opportunities, funding sources and other activities across the state. This page stays updated regularly and is worth a visit. (<http://www.vdfp.state.va.us/>)

*Submitted By:
David Short, Co. 11*



Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Commission

Doug Rambo
Fred Muller

Allie Love
Joe Habib

Mickey Buchanan
Ian Buchanan

Bob Griffin, Chief,
Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services

Jim Burton, Board of Supervisor
Donald A. Sabella, M.D., Medical Director

CAD STREETS—NOVEMBER 2002

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	
Box					
Broadlands Center Pz	Broadlands Bl	Broadlands	6	6	6-13
Cabin Point Pl	Detrick Wy	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Catskill Ct NE	Woods Edge Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Detrick Wy	Pleasant Valley Rd	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Fair Ponds Ln	Quinlan St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Falling Spring Wy	Middlesex Dr	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Ferndale Tr NE	Smartts Ln NE	Potomac Crossing	1	13	1-6
Fieldsview Ct	Upper Meadow Dr	Lansdowne	1	13	1-13
Finders Ln	Hallmark St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Glen Aspen Wy	Middlesex Dr	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Goose Bluff Ct	Overview Pl	Lansdowne	1	13	1-13
Grey Oak Wy	Chartier Dr	Lansdowne	6	6	6-1
Hawksbury Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Holly Tree Ln	Donovan Dr	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Kepharts Mill Tr	Coton Manor Dr	Coton Commons	6	6	6-1
Lackwanna Wy NE	Woods Edge Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Lilypad Ln	Quinlan St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Middlesex Dr	Pleasant Valley Rd	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Octorora Pl NE	Tinsman Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Olive Tree Ln	Donovan Dr	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Overview Pl	Upper Meadow Dr	Lansdowne	1	13	1-13
Paramount Pl	Middlesex Dr	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Powhatan Dr NE	Woods Edge Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Rockford Sq NE	Hutchison Pl NE	Potomac Crossing	1	13	1-9
Royal Fern Tr	Hawksbury Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Schenley Tr	Village Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Sherando Ct	Paramount Pl	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Sweet Bay Tr	Royal Fern Tr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Sweig Tr	Kepharts Mill Tr	Coton Commons	6	6	6-1
Thornburg Ct	Paramount Pl	The Ridings	19	19	19-2
Upper Meadow Dr	Riverside Pkwy	Lansdowne	1	13	1-13
Woods Edge Dr NE	Battlefield Pkwy NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Old Street Name	New Street	Name Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box Area
Thaddous Ln	Thaddeus Ln	Coton Commons	6	6	6-1